

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 221 - HB 370

April 22, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Health (DOH), within 24 hours after a state of emergency is declared due to a disease outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic, to form a committee to advise the DOH on how and when to implement quarantine and disease communication procedures. The committee is administratively attached to the DOH and members will serve without compensation. At the end of the state of emergency, the committee will cease to exist. Requires each county health department to publish on the DOH website certain information.

Deletes the provision granting the Commissioner of the DOH authorization to declare quarantine whenever the Commissioner finds the public welfare requires it. Deletes the provision granting a county health officer authorization to order quarantine of a place or person if the county health officer finds it necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (007113, 007601): Amendment 007113 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires, in the event of a declared state of emergency due to a disease outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic, that each county health department report to the Department of Health (DOH) within five days of a quarantine and any disease communication tracking procedures being implemented in response to the state of emergency and to report weekly thereafter, information relative to the form of testing utilized, the number of cases and the related symptoms, if any, of the disease. Requires the DOH to publish the required reported information from each of the counties on the DOH's website so that the information is publicly accessible.

Amendment 007601 adds language to the bill as amended by Amendment 007113 to include total of false positives tests, if known, to the list of information the DOH is required to report.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The legislation will apply to future state of emergency declarations.
- The DOH and the county health departments can accommodate the proposed legislation utilizing existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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